

## House Resolution 1599

By: Representative Drenner of the 86<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Rita Thomas; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Rita Thomas is a distinguished Georgian and an outstanding citizen of the City  
3 of Clarkston, where she has dedicated her tremendous knowledge and experience to assisting  
4 others and has significantly improved the quality of life for her fellow citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, she has demonstrated her dedication to her community through her enduring  
6 service on many local committees and boards, including service as a member of the City of  
7 Clarkston's First Downtown Development Committee, vice president for "Image Clarkston,"  
8 member of the board of directors of the Clarkston Community Center, member of the DeKalb  
9 County Greenspace Board, member of the City of Clarkston's Planning and Zoning  
10 Commission, chairperson of the Clarkston's 2005 Elections Committee, and member of the  
11 City of Clarkston's Beautification Committee; and

12 WHEREAS, her commitment to the community is further demonstrated by her leadership in  
13 establishing the "Friends of Friendship Forest" Committee, her representation of the City of  
14 Clarkston in negotiations with refugee services organizations, her work in conducting the  
15 first Candidates Forum, and her efforts to mentor citizens who seek to become active in local  
16 political concerns; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas is a loving mother and grandmother and a devoted wife; and

18 WHEREAS, she emulates the characteristics of a true leader and has been a devoted  
19 community advocate, making the City of Clarkston a better place to live.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body recognize and commend Rita Thomas for her distinguished effort

1 on behalf of the citizens of the City of Clarkston and convey to her their respect and  
2 admiration.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Rita Thomas.